

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TOKYO 03298 010600Z  
ACTION LAB-04

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 SIL-01 EB-08 PA-01 USIA-06  
CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 L-03 SP-02 /046 W  
-----071474 011159Z /23  
R 010540Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5682

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 3298

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB, JA  
SUBJECT: EXPANDING CONTACTS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
MINISTRY OF LABOR

REF: (A) TOKYO 2901; (B) STATE 043292; (C) STATE 026272

1. IN CALL ON MINISTRY OF LABOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR  
SECTION DIRECTOR ISHIDA ON FEBRUARY 28, DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR ILAB OFFICER HALM AND LABATT PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MOL-DOL  
DIALOGUE THROUGH VISIT OF EITHER VICE MINISTER FUJINAWA  
OR DEPUTY VICE MINISTER IWATA TO US IN LATE SPRING  
OR EARLY SUMMER.

2. ISHIDA, NOTING THAT JAPAN LABATT WAKABAYASHI HAD  
ALREADY CONVEYED TO HIM DOL PROPOSAL, SAID MOL VERY  
MUCH FAVORS GREATER CONTACTS. HE DOUBTED, HOWEVER,  
WHETHER EITHER FUJINAWA OR IWATA WOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL  
TO US WITHIN TIME-FRAME PROPOSED BY DOL, BECAUSE  
FUJINAWA WOULD BE ABSORBED BY DIET AND SPRING WAGE  
NEGOTIATIONS WHILE IWATA WILL BE TOTALLY INVOLVED WITH  
PLANNING GOJ POSITIONS AT NEXT ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

3. ISHIDA THOUGHT THAT MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY WAS  
VISIT TO US EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE  
BY MINISTER OF LABOR FUJII. ISHIDA NOTED THAT EVER SINCE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TOKYO 03298 010600Z

AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON HIM (TOKYO 1087) MINISTER FUJII HAD TALKED  
ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. ISHIDA  
CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS OFFERING POSSIBILITY OF  
FUJII VISIT AS STRICTLY PERSONAL SUGGESTION WHICH HAD NOT  
YET BEEN STAFFED BY MINISTRY. ISHIDA ADDED THAT MOL  
BUREAUCRACY WOULD OF COURSE NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE FUJII  
VISIT TO US IF DOL THOUGHT SECRETARY MARSHALL SHOULD COME

TO JAPAN FIRST.

4. ISHIDA AD HALM AGREED THAT WHATEVER THE LEVEL OF THE FIRST VISIT IN THE CONTEXT OF EXPANDED CONTACTS, IT SHOULD BE MORE THAN JUST A CEREMONIAL ONE AND SHOULD HAVE A CAREFULLY WORKED-OUT AGENDA.

5. HALM AND LABATT HOPE TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT GREATER LENGTH WITH DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY SAMUEL IN NEW DELHI.  
MANSFIELD

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** LABOR RELATIONS, VISITS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978TOKYO03298  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780093-0816  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** TOKYO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197803117/aaaadvuo.tel  
**Line Count:** 72  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 9bf33dba-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION LAB  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 TOKYO 2901, 78 STATE 43292, 78 STATE 26272  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 04 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3148350  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** EXPANDING CONTACTS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND MINISTRY OF LABOR  
**TAGS:** ELAB, JA, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/9bf33dba-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014